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December 6, 2017

RE: COPN Request No. VA-8348  
Economic Development Authority  
of Patrick County  
Stuart (Patrick County), Virginia  
Establish Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick, Inc. as  
a 75-bed General Acute Care Hospital with Support  
Services Including 25 Critical Access Beds, 25  
Psychiatric Beds, 25 drug rehabilitation Beds, four  
Operating Rooms, one CT, one MRI and one Lithotripter

Debbie Foley, Director  
Economic Development  
County of Patrick  
Post Office Box 466  
Stuart, Virginia 24171

Dear Ms. Foley:

This letter is to acknowledge the December 4, 2017 receipt of the letter of intent and enclose the material for your use in filing a certificate of public need (COPN) request for the above-referenced project.

When completing the enclosed application form, you may wish to consult our office, the Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN), in accordance with Part V of the Virginia Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need Rules and Regulations (Regulations).

The Code of Virginia prescribes eight required considerations that provide criteria for the review of COPN applications and Section 32.1-102.3.A of the Code of Virginia requires that COPN decisions "shall be consistent with the most recent applicable provisions" of the State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP). As a COPN applicant please take note of the SMFP and the eight required considerations and prepare your application accordingly.

The Regulations, the SMFP and the eight required considerations at § 32.1-102.3.B of the Code of Virginia can be found at the following internet addresses respectively.

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title12/agency5/chapter220/>



DIRECTOR  
(804) 367-2102

ACUTE CARE  
(804) 367-2104

COPN  
(804) 367-2126

COMPLAINTS  
1-800-955-1819

LONG TERM CARE  
(804) 367-2100

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title12/agency5/chapter230/>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title32.1/chapter4/>

When filing the application, please submit two signed copies to my attention at the following address:

Virginia Department of Health  
Division of Certificate of Public Need  
9960 Mayland Drive – Suite 401  
Richmond, Virginia 23233

The Code of Virginia at § 32.1-102.6 requires applications to be transmitted to the DCOPN electronically on compact disk data storage media or email to [COPN@VDH.Virginia.Gov](mailto:COPN@VDH.Virginia.Gov), by certified mail or a delivery service, return receipt requested, or by hand, with signed receipt to be provided.

The DCOPN will conduct a preliminary review of the signed application upon receipt to determine its completeness. In accordance with 12 VAC 5-220-290 B, no application will be deemed to be complete for review until the required application fee is paid. The fee schedule is one percent of the proposed expenditure for the project, but no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$20,000.

The next review cycle that is available for this project category is scheduled as follows:

**BATCH GROUP A**

Deadline for Submission of Application	<b>January 3, 2018</b>
Deadline for Submission of Any Additional Information Required to Complete Application	<b>February 5, 2018</b>
First Day of Review Cycle	<b>February 10, 2018</b>
Deadline for Completion of DCOPN Review	<b>April 23, 2018</b>
Deadline for Commissioner's Decision (assuming there is no need for an Informal Fact-Finding Conference)	<b>June 11, 2018</b>

Other sections of Part V of the amended Regulations provide additional details about the review of applications.

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Peter Boswell, Director  
Division of Certificate of Public Need

Enclosures



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PATRICK COUNTY

December 4, 2017

Mr. Erik Bodin  
Director, Office of Licensure and Certification  
Virginia Department of Health  
P.O. Box 2448  
Richmond, VA 232187

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Re: Letter of Intent to reopen as an Acute Care Hospital for Formerly Pioneer Hospital of Patrick, Inc., 18688 Jeb Stuart Highway, Stuart, Patrick County, Virginia

Mr. Bodin:

Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick, Inc. had been operating as a 25 bed critical access hospital in Stuart, Virginia, primarily serving the citizens of Patrick County. As a result of failed negotiations with a purchaser, the hospital was forced to close in September, 2017. The Virginia Department of Health's Office of Licensure and Certification granted a variance allowing Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick to retain possession of the hospital license, number H1919. This current license is set to expire December 31, 2017.

The Economic Development Authority of Patrick County currently intends to acquire this hospital with the intention of it resuming operation as an Acute Care Hospital. The hospital will focus on providing emergency medical care and acute care services for the residents of Patrick County. In addition to and in support of acute care services, the hospital will provide a line of ancillary services which include but are not limited to inpatient and outpatient services including a 6-room emergency department, an OR suite with 3 to 4 rooms to include endoscopy in addition to open cases, digital diagnostics, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, x-ray, fluoroscopy, cardiac and vascular ultrasonography, Computerized Tomography (CT), and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), lithotripsy; high complexity laboratory services to include reference and pathology; respiratory therapy; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; drug rehabilitation services, telemedicine services including rehabilitation, radiology, stroke, and psychiatric services; pain, wound, and outpatient infusion program as well as leasable hospital space for specialty clinic providers to meet the community needs while at the same time contributing positively to the financial position of the hospital.

The intent is to re-open a 25-bed acute care hospital and be granted critical access status. Establishing the hospital as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) will allow the facility to open swing beds for patients that are in need of care facilitating the transition out of more expensive acute care settings to local nursing home or independent living arrangements. Additional services would include expanding current beds into a step-down and critical care department and providing services for non-invasive cardiology including stress tests and tilt table procedures. To further serve the needs of this community, additional behavioral health services focused on addiction treatment and veterans care will be added to the Hospital resulting in the opening of an additional 25 beds to be utilized for behavioral health and an additional 25 beds for a drug rehabilitation unit resulting in an overall hospital expansion into a 75 bed facility.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Foley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debbie Foley  
Economic Development Director

cc: Dale Puckett, Chair, Economic Development Authority of Patrick County  
Crystal Harris, Chair, Patrick County Board of Supervisors  
Tom Rose, Patrick County Administrator  
Ray Weiland, Mayor, Town of Stuart  
Terry Tilley, Town Manager, Town of Stuart  
Jeanette Filpi, CEO, Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick, Inc.  
Dr. Richard Cole, Patrick County Family Practice